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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS THREE MEMBERS TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RALEIGH -- Gov. Mike Easley today appointed three members to the State Board of Education.

Easley appointed **Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital** of Wilmington, Vice Chancellor for the Division for Public Service and Extended Education of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; **Patricia Nickens Willoughby** of Raleigh, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education at Meredith College; and **Wayne McDevitt** of Asheville, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Financial Affairs of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

"As North Carolina schools work hard to reduce class size, recruit and train new teachers, implement character education, and prepare students for the new economy, this board will be faced with many challenges," said Easley. "These three diverse individuals will contribute greatly as the board faces these challenges and works to improve our public school system. These individuals are all dedicated professionals who know the needs of our system of education. They are willing to work hard to insure quality educational opportunities for all North Carolinians."

The appointments are effective immediately, pending confirmation by the General Assembly. The terms expire March 31, 2009.

The 15-member board supervises and administers the public school system and the educational funds provided for its support.

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